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Dear Sir,

Applicants hereby file a request for continued examination (RCE) without paying the issue fee and the publication fee as set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 20, 2006. Attached hereto please find the documents as follows,

- ☒ Request for Continued Examination in (2) pages;
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Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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